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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS - ALVIN AILEY DANCE COMPANY

REF: BUCHAREST 1231

1. ADVANCE MAN WILLIAM HAMMOND AND EMBOFFS MET WITH ARIA OFFICIALS ON APRIL 12-13 TO DISCUSS ENTIRE SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM NEEDS FOR TOUR OF SUBJECT COMPANY IN ROMANIA.

2. HAMMOND PROPOSED TWO SCHEDULE OPTIONS: A) EVENING PERFORMANCES AT OPERA IN BUCHAREST ON JUNE 30, JULY 1, AND 2, AND AT SALA PALATULUI ON JULY 3. CONCLUDE TOUR WITH EVENING PERFORMANCE AT TIMISOARA OPERA ON JULY 5. B) DRESS REHEARSAL JUNE 30 AT SALA PALATULUI FOLLOWED BY EVENING PERFORMANCES SAME SITE ON JULY 1, 2, AND 3 WITH TIMISOARA PERFORMANCE SAME AS IN A ABOVE.

3. FOR AESTHETIC PURPOSES HAMMOND PREFERS OPTION A, BUT SINCE THIS OPTION PRESENTS SERIOUS LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES, HAMMOND WILL SUGGEST, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AILEY, THAT OPTION B BE SELECTED FOR ROMANIA. IN ANY EVENT, HAMMOND RETURNING TO STATES LATER IN MONTH AND WILL DISCUSS BOTH
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OPTIONS WITH AILEY ON APRIL 23. ARIA ANXIOUS TO SELECT OPTION

B SINCE IT OFFERS MUCH GREATER SEATING CAPACITY. POST FEELS THAT OPTION B WOULD BE USEFUL FOR "PREVIEW" PURPOSES BY OFFICIAL ROMANIANS AND ALSO SERVE AS VEHICLE FOR INVITING CONTACTS FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS FIELD TO MEET WITH GROUP MEMBERS.

4. TO DATE ARIA HAS DECLINED TO PAY EXTRA TRANSPORTATION COSTS (SEE BELGRADE 1636) OTHER THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED IN BUCHAREST 1166. ARIA CITED ITS ADHERENCE TO "CAPITAL-TO-CAPITAL" PRINCIPLE FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS. HAMMOND WILL CHECK IN VIENNA POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORT IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE WILL THEN SUBMIT NEW TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND EMBASSY WILL RELAY THESE TO ARIA FOR STUDY AND POSSIBLE REVISED OFFER FOR TRANSPORT ON THEIR PART.

5. ARIA HAS AGAIN REQUESTED FOLLOWING PUBLICITY MATERIALS: TAPES OF PROGRAM MUSIC, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS, SLIDES, RESUME OF COMPANY ACTIVITY IN LAST FEW YEARS.
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